

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority on heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28: 18-20



*Christ in Glory
(north transept vestibule)*

Abington Presbyterian Church

May 31, 2026

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Trinity Sunday

Centering Prayer

We have heard of your grace,
Shaper of stars;
from those set free
from injustice;
from our children
who whisper of your joy;
from greeters
of dawn's fresh start;
from late risers who listen
to the stories of the needy.
We have heard of your Light,
Bright Star of the morning:
which can illumine
the shadows of our lives;
which can show
the path to God's heart;
which can point the way
to where we become
servants of the gospel.

We have heard
of your promised peace,
Wisdom's Radiance:
that peace which can end war,
as well as heal our hearts;
that peace
which can conquer our fears,
and flood us with faith;
that peace which can
enter our lives and overwhelm
us with hope.

We have heard of you,
God in Community,
Holy in One,
and will proclaim
your glory to all.

The people **gather** in response to God's call to worship our Creator with thanksgiving and praise.

The whole congregation joins together in speaking (or singing) the text in **bold** print. At the asterisk (*) please stand in body or rise in spirit. Purple *Glory to God* hymnals are located in the pew racks. Please join in singing!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Trinity Sunday

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Mark Hayes
Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME AND LIVING OUR FAITH

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is light, and in God there is no darkness at all.

We come into the light, just as we are.

When we confess what is broken, God is faithful to forgive.

**When we bring what is shattered,
God gathers and makes us whole.**

Not by our own worthiness, but by God's steadfast love,
we are claimed and restored.

Not by our own strength, but by God's faithfulness,
we are called to love and to serve.

Let us worship, give thanks, and sing.

*HYMN NO. 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

TOULON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty, gracious, ever-present God,
I confess to you, to those around me, and to myself,
that too often I am ungrateful.**

I give up too easily.

I lose hope.

I doubt your promises.

I don't sense your presence.

I ignore your call to love.

I judge others too quickly, too superficially, too harshly.

I fail to forgive.

**I struggle to stand with and for the poor, the oppressed,
the least, and the left out.**

Forgive me.

Fill me with your steadfast love that endures forever.

**Transform me so I may live and love like your son,
my savior, Jesus Christ.**

*SILENT PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE NO. 447

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

ANTHEM

Run Deep, O Well of Mercy

William Dailey

Chapel Choir: John Sall and Ruth Sall, co-directors

Run deep, o well of mercy, and run long.
Your tale is told each time you overflow,
Your course extends to every human heart
in need of living water,
Christ the spring, the fount of blessing and of life.

Run deep, o well of mercy, and run long.
Run on and on forever in my heart,
Forever, and turn your course back
to your Father’s source in heaven,
To bear on your swift current
One who rides rejoicing on the tide. (-Deborah Osborne)

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Ruth Sall

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Justin Feil

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 103:1-5, 8-12

Old Testament, p. 554

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 23:1-3, 23-28
1 John 1:5-10

New Testament, p. 25
New Testament, p. 238

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex (at the back of the Sanctuary). Please see an Usher for Assistance.

Children’s Worship Bags are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary.

The congregation is invited to share signs of Christ’s peace, such as a handshake, with one another.

Where the **word** is read and proclaimed, we believe Jesus Christ the living Word is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the proclamation of the word through the reading and interpretation of Scripture is central to our worship.

Following the Children’s Message, children (through Grade 5) may follow their teachers to Sunday School or remain in worship.

SERMON “Let’s Drop Our Paint Brushes Dripping with Whitewash”
The Rev. Mike Pulsifer

*HYMN NO. 377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* HOUSTON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God’s purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

When the Morning Stars Together arr. John Ferguson
Chancel Choir: John Sall, director

Anthem is a setting of the text found at Hymn No. 689.

In gratitude for the grace we have received, we respond with **thanksgiving** and offer our lives to God.

Your presence and participation in worship is an expression of self-offering. If you’ve not already done so, please sign the red Friendship Pad, located at the end of the pew on the center aisle, then pass it along the row. If you prefer an electronic form or are worshipping with us via livestream, you may follow the link to the online Friendship Pad using the QR Code below.

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*DOXOLOGY HYMN No. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

*HYMN No. 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Postlude on "*Old Hundredth*" Fred Bock

WORSHIP NOTES

Mike Pulsifer was born and reared in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in history and philosophy from Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri; his Masters of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary; and completed a year of postgraduate work at New College, University of Edinburgh. He and his wife, Marion, whom he has known since the seventh grade, have two sons and five grandchildren who all now live in the Philadelphia area.

Mike has served for 58 years as a Presbyterian minister in churches in El Reno, Oklahoma; Indianola, Iowa; Santa Ana, California; Ridgewood, New Jersey; and Ardmore, Pennsylvania. He recently retired from serving as a Parish Associate at Arch Street Presbyterian Church in center city Philadelphia. Mike enjoys spending time with his family; reading novels, history and theology; working as a gardener in Washington Square; traveling; and volunteering with Penn's Village and Broad Street Love.

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Our community of faith strives to live by the words of the Apostle Paul: *Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep* (Romans 12:15). As you pray throughout the week, we invite you to lift up the names of those who have requested prayer. Our church family would also like to rejoice with you if you are celebrating the arrival of a child, grandchild or great-grandchild; marking an important milestone; or have another joy to share.

To add a name to the Prayer List or share a joy, please call the church office or email Susan Schied: sschied@apcusa.org

TODAY AT ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- 8:00 a.m.** **Simple Gifts Worship Service** in the Sanctuary
 - 8:45 a.m.** **Adult Forum: “I am the gate for the sheep” from John 10**
in the Parlor
 - 9:50 a.m.** **Nursery Care** for infants and toddlers in Room 110
Preschool Sunday School in Room 112
 - 10:00 a.m.** **Celebration Worship Service** in the Sanctuary

Following the Children’s Message (approx. 10:20 a.m.)
Sunday School for Kindergarten—5th in the Youth Lounge
 - 11:00 a.m.** **End-of-Year Celebration to Honor Christian Education**
Volunteers (Teachers, Shepherds, & Youth Advisors)
in Parish Hall
 - 12:00 p.m.** **Youth Mission Trip Meeting** in the Parlor
 - 3:00 p.m.** **Allison Hilliard Recital** in the Sanctuary
 - 4:00 p.m.** **Youth Fellowship** in the Youth Lounge
 - 5:30 p.m.** **Youth Dinner** in the Parish Hall
 - 6:00 p.m.** **Chapel Choir** in the Choir Room
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PRAYER LIST

In need of ongoing prayers: Olive Biggs, Carol Boles (mother of Christine Sacco), Walter Boutcher, Rick Bruce, John Connelly (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Corrigan Family (APNS family), Robin Cupo, Linda Doyle, Heather Ferretti (Daughter of Trish Miller), John Frazier, Phyllis Frazier, Carmina Gagliardi (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Lindsay Harbold (APNS parent), Joanne Hawkson (mother of Nick Cupo), Hirst Family (APNS family), Ted Hyczko, Diane Johnson, Stephen Krewson, Emil Kupper, Laura Lafferty, Family of Katie Link (APNS parent), Holland Lutzow (APNS student), Clinton Mench (APNS parent), Joan Meyers, Gail Mignogna, Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Sharon Robson (friend of Kimberly Browna), Ed Sacco, Lisa Seufert, Valerie Steigerwalt (niece of Marlyn Whyte), Jackie Thurlow, Eugenia Velazquez (Iris Long’s mother), Shirley Waters, Barbara Weber, The Weir Family, Callum Wright (friend of Barbara-Ann Schwartz, APNS teacher).

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